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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE AFTER FINAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2006, received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. This Amendment/Response is accompanied with a request for continued examination of the claims as amended herein. The applicants had filed a Notice of Appeal on Feb 9, 2007, therefore, this request is accompanied with a request for 5 month time extension. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2555 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance.